the Khadi and Village Industries Commission and its role in generating employment, especially to those belonging to the weaker sections in the rural sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how far the Commission has been effective in the matter of rural industrialisation, betterment of rural economy and in developing marketing strategy to push up sales of products of the rural industries; and

(d) what measures have been taken/proposed to be taken by Government to remove the shortcoming, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b). The working of Khadi and Village Industries Commission and its role in generating employment especially to those belonging to the weaker sections in the rural sector is reviewed from time to time as a part of normal programmes and annual action plan programmes. Over the years, the main thrust of KVI activities has been to provide larger share of employment to SCs|STs and women which is increasing continuously. At present SC|ST comprises nearly 30 per cent of the workers and women constitutes nearly 46 per cent.

(c) KVIC's contribution to the rural industrialisation can be assessed from the fact that today KVI activities cover almost 2.1 lakh villages in the country through 28 State KVI Boards, 11,935 registered institutions, 25,921 cooperatives 5,42,198 individuals, 170 departmental units and 13,000 sale outlets. KVIC provides employment to about 42.87 lakh persons. KVIC has infrastructure of about 30 training centres upto the year 1988-89. It has marketing infrastructure besides 10 departmental Bhavans. For the promotion of sales, KVIC have taken steps to set up new Bhavans in the cities and for introduction of mobile vans. It has also established a number of research and development centres throughout the country. As a result of these efforts, the output of KVI sector has reached a figure of worth Rs. 1678 crores.

(d) The following steps have been taken by KVIC to further increase the benefit of KVI programmes to SC|ST artisans:—

(i) KVIC is taking up special programmes in selected districts of the country where population of SCs|STs is sizeable;

(ii) KVIC is proposing to keep apart certain portion of allocation for SC|STs in KVIC's overall budget;

(iii) Maintenance of separate plans specially suited to these communities.

(iv) KVIC loan rules provide liberalised patterns of assistance for the people of tribal areas for setting up khadi and village industries. Under this 75 per cent assistance is given as grant and 25 per cent as loan.

Mobile cash collection centres of DESU

685. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that DESU has issued several consumers service bulletins from time to time;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether DESU has opened any mobile cash collection centres;

(d) if so, which are the places where this facility is available;

(e) whether DESU proposes to set up more mobile cash collection centres this year and also during 1991 to provide facilities to consumers;

(f) whether DESU also proposes to allow its consumers to make payments at any of the its cash collection centres; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Clinical Pathological Centres under CGHS

686. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some regional clinical pathological centres are functioning under C.G.H.S.;

(b) if so, what are the names of places State-wise and Union Territory-wise with details of services provided by these centres along with the criteria to avail of these services;

(c) whether Government propose to add some more services in these centres;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to set up more such centres during the current year and also during next year; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Regional Clinical Laboratories under CGHS are functioning in the following States/Union Territories:—

1. Uttar Pradesh
2. Gujarat
3. Maharashtra
4. Karnataka
5. West Bengal
6. Andhra Pradesh
7. Rajasthan
8. Tamil Nadu
9. Bihar
10. Union Territory of Delhi.

Routine pathological tests (blood, urine and stool), bio-chemical tests (blood, sugar, blood urea and blood cholesterol and most specialised investigations are under-taken. These Centres are catering to the needs of CGHS beneficiaries who are referred for pathological investigations.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Two more Centres in Uttar Pradesh and two in Delhi are proposed to be set up during the current financial year.

CGHS Hospitals

687. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether hospitals have been set up in the country under the Central Government Health Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the locations thereof State-wise and the services being provided at these hospitals;

(c) whether more such hospitals are proposed to be set up during the current year as well as during the next two years;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether in the existing hospitals of Delhi certain beds are reserved for C.G.H.S. beneficiaries; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof hospital-wise and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION